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RHODESIA - CUBANS

(Rhodesia
Map with
Leaders)

- I. Looking at ~~prospects~~ for Cuban military involvement in Rhodesia analogous to Angola/Ethiopia

A. Pressures for:

1. Sov. hubris of success
2. Sov concern at possibility a settlement will be reached excluding them

-Establish position as an actor on scene

3. State disarray/ineffectiveness

Nkomo's ZAPU troops - Mugabe's also

Serves as opening

- B. One strongest pressure against is: Reluctance Frontline States even Patriotic Front accept more Sov influence

Especially Kaunda

Less so Machel

1. Another inhibition is PF sense of ultimate success

But Mugabe may be worried / *Nkomo impatient*

2. On Sov side - believe any mil calculations they make would take into account danger of inciting So. Africa to intervene

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- that's one reason
they're keeping Cuban advisers away from border. ||

II. Looking at military equation -

If 10,000 + being considered -

LOC from Sov Union/Cuba

Considerable drain

But as feasible as Ethiopia/Angola

(Chart of
LOC) ✓

(Road/Rail) ✓

Important point - approach from ports/airheads

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TAB B

Very tortuous from Angola

Benegueta out

Road unimproved

Wet season?

Not major problem from east -

But vulnerable to interdiction if Rhodesia/So. Africa
undertake before in place - Red dots

Also look at -

Combat terrain

Zambia - (map correlation) (color coding)

(Terrain #1)

Difficult crossing for main force units - 10,000 concept

West of Falls

Good terrain

E. of lake

But bad terrain behind

No bar to infiltration

Neither side significant mechanized forces

7-8 tanks, 75 APCs among Zambian forces

Also 14 BMPs recently sent to Zambia

Minor, 60 APCs, defensive forces in Rhodesia

Talking build up - Cubans/So. Africa

Difficult initial entree if So. Africa in place - but if not or
if made initial push - good terrain

Mozambique Terrain

(Terrain #2)

1. North

-Poor terrain

-Relatively easy to defend if in place

-But close to Salisbury

-But Chimoio LOC vulnerable

(Terrain #3)

2. South - Open

So A open too

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-Next to So. Africa - open also

(OOB Chart) III. If So. Africa came in even 10,000 Cubans not handle S. Africa & Rhodesia

Unlikely 10,000 could get in place w/o pre-emptive attack - w/all equipment needed

Because only 120-150 miles from border to Salisbury

IV. More likely to see gradual build up - defensive Cuban forces - 2 purposes

1. Train ZAPU/ZANU

Miserable showing of 5 ZAPU commando teams

Attempted to cut power lines, etc.

Rhodesians apparently have intercepted or forced to turn back

1 Cuban, 1 Soviet general to ZAPU as of Sep.

2. Gradual build up forces to deter attack on base camps - ZAPU/ZANU

Could be very effective in inhibiting Rhodesians

If gradual need not be so alarming as bring pre-emptive - LOC

Need be no turning point

Would establish Sov position

V. Expectation

Build up largely Cuban but mixed Ethiopian force - *Numeiri*

Cubans seem want reduce in Ethiopia -

With 16,000 can afford to w/o losing control

Manpower - not anxious bring home

Probably think big dividends - side of angels

Emphasis Mozambique

Cautious manner

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Nyerere, Julius

**Patriotic
Front**



Nkomo, Joshua

**Patriotic
Front**



Mugabe, Robert

Mozambique



Machel, Samora

Zambia



Kaunda, Kenneth

Rhodesia



Smith, Ian



Sithole, Ndabaningi



Muzorewa, Abel

RHODESIA



Chirau, J.S.

Botswana

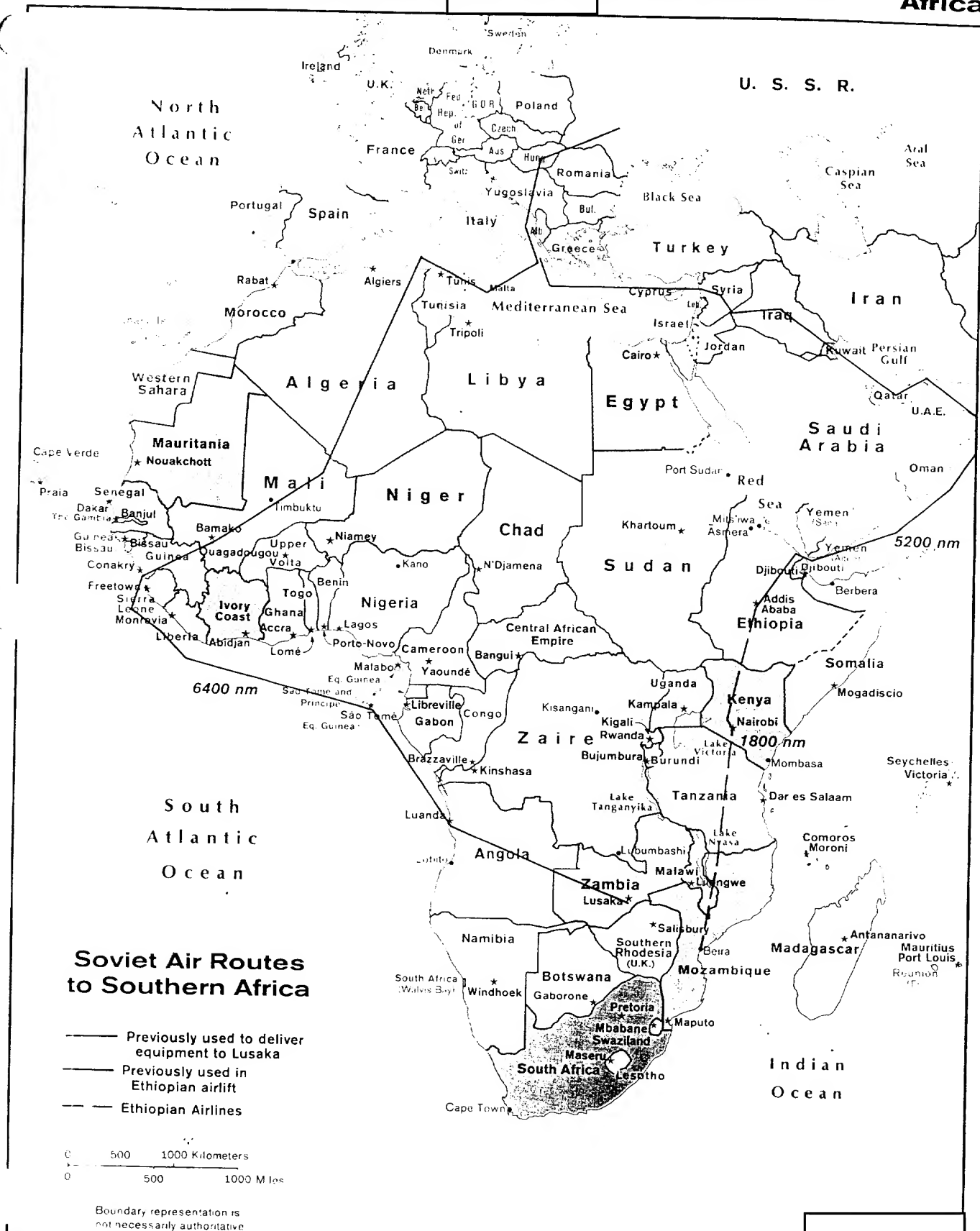


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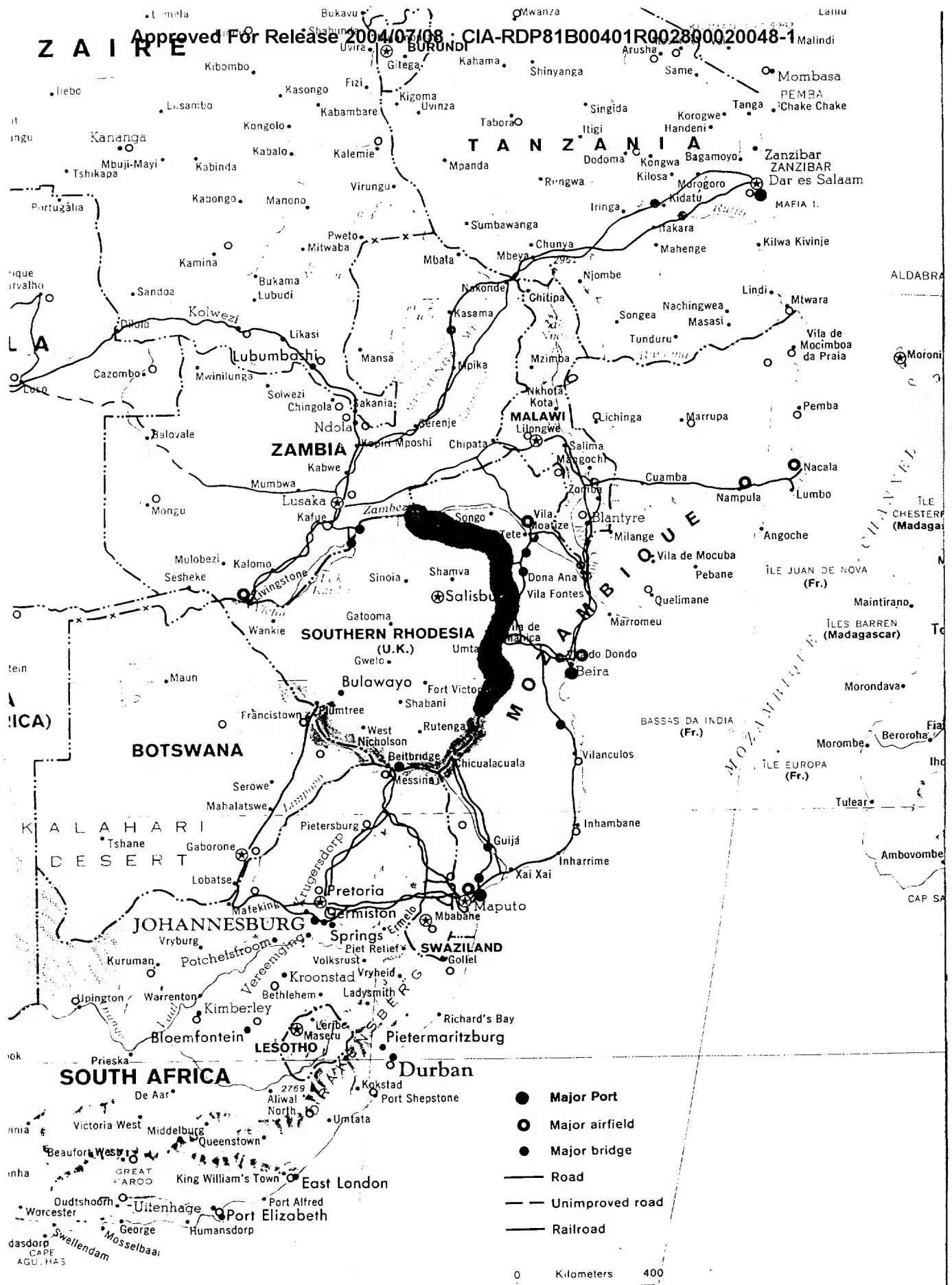
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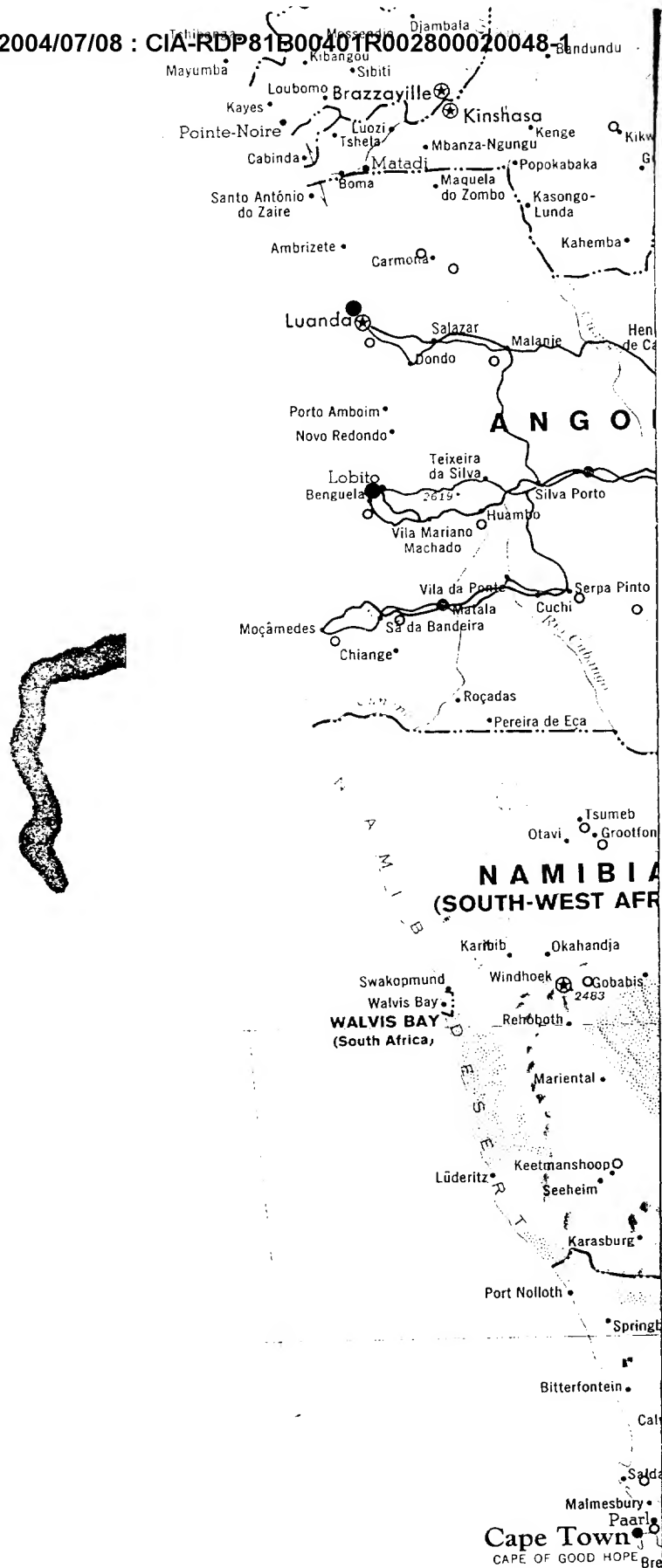


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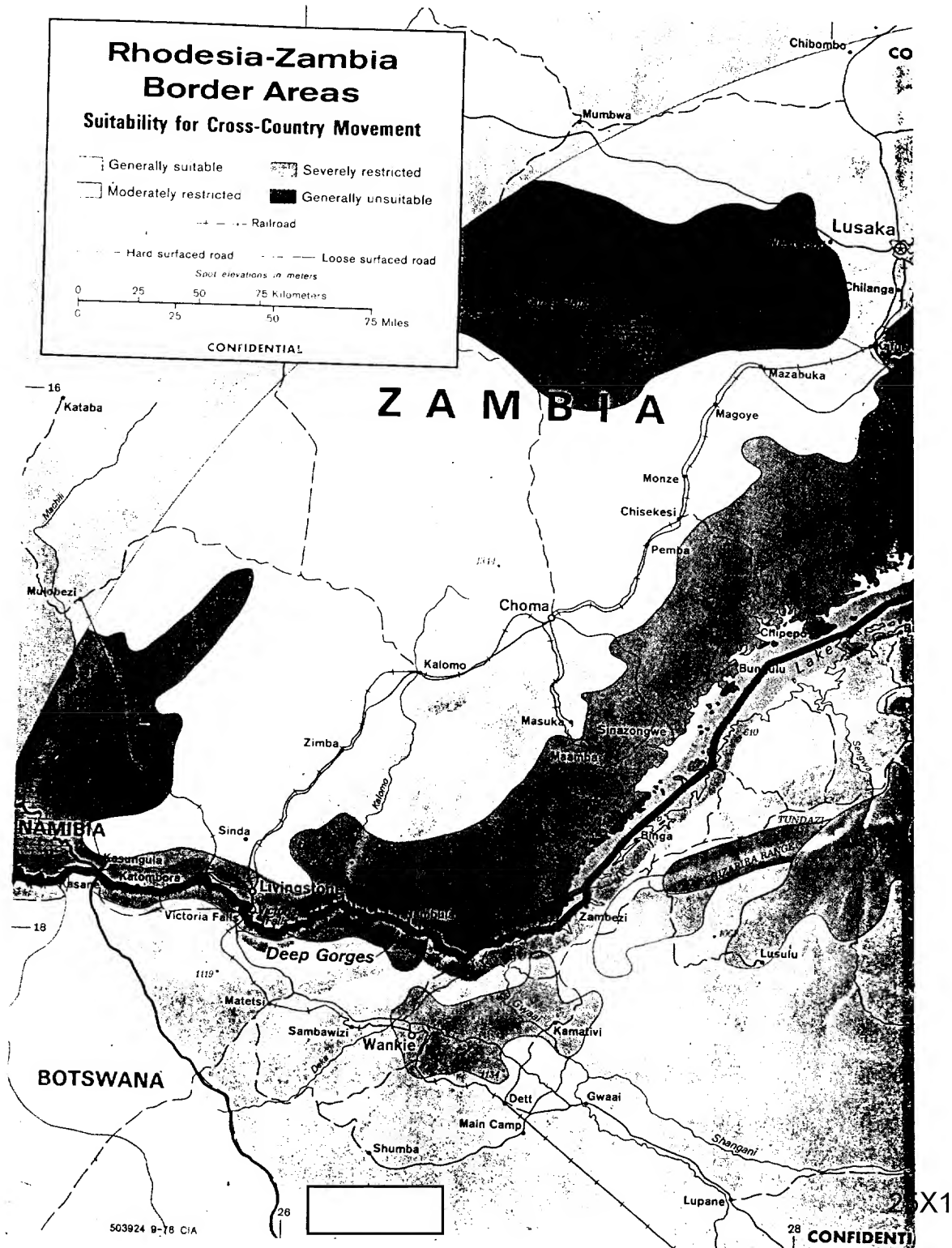


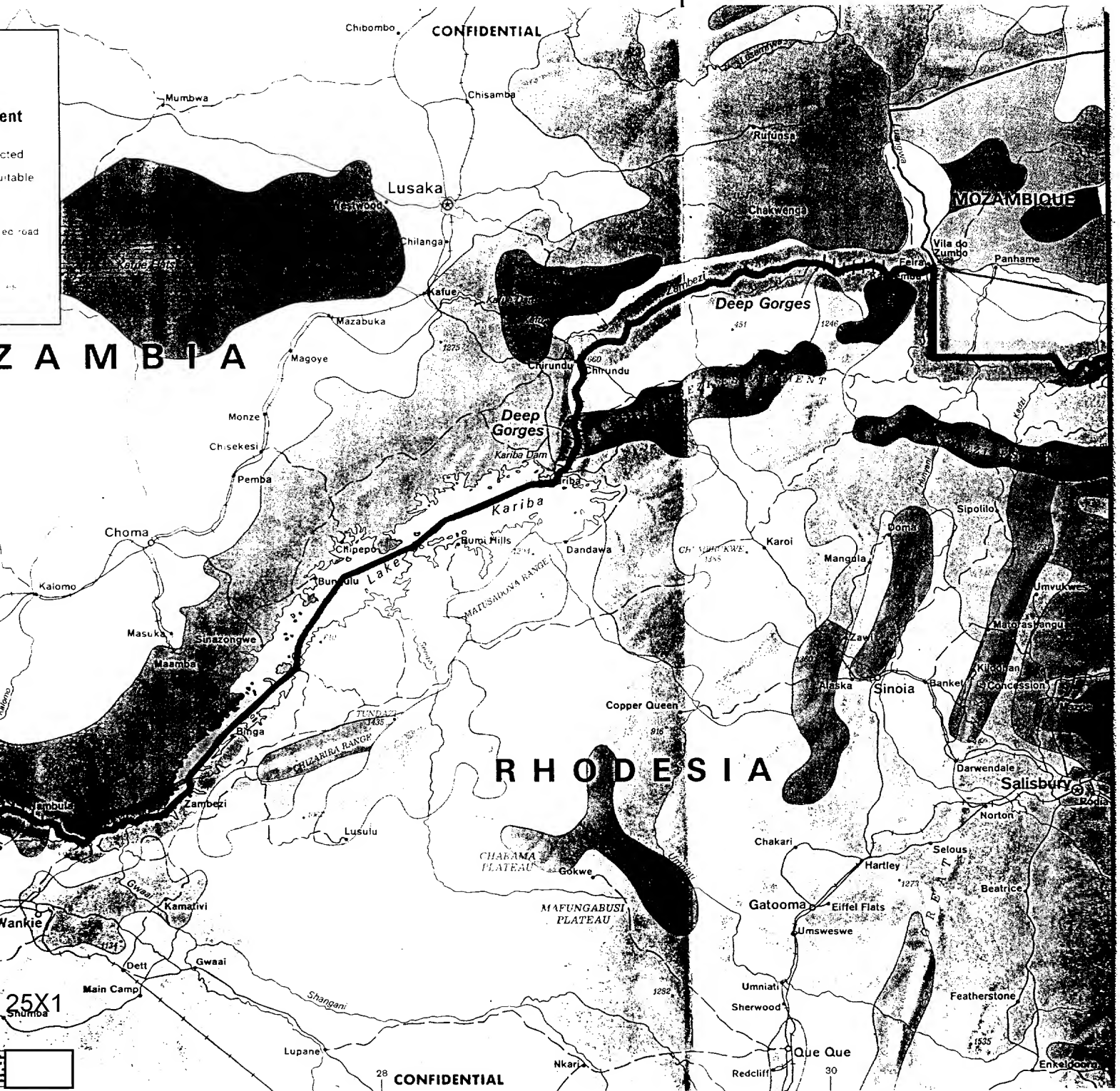
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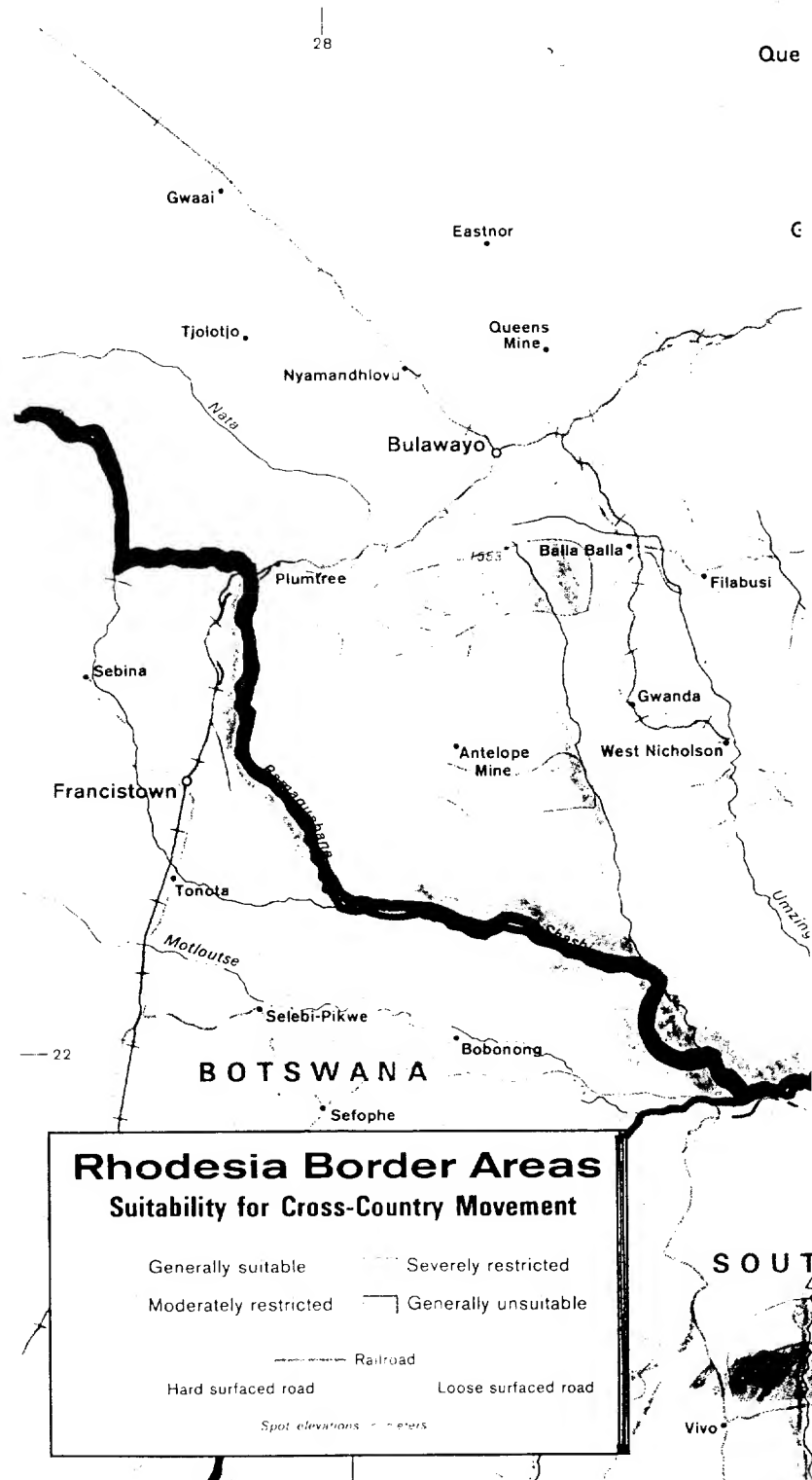




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Southern Africa Order of Battle Estimates

	South Africa	Rhodesia	ZAPU	ZANU	Mozambique	Zambia	Tanzania	Angola
Ground Forces								
Active	45,000	10-12,000	12,000	10,000	25,000	12,800	28,000	30,000
Reserve or in Training	210,000	6,000	10,000	3,000	UNK	2,000	10,000	UNK
Paramilitary	3,000	9,500	-	-	UNK	5,840	1,430	8,000
Armored Vehicles	2,087	60	-	-	175	83	200	740
Fighter Aircraft	170	30	-	-	-	31	32	37

Other Insurgent Strength Estimates

UNITA

Active	20,000
Reserve or in Training	UNK

SWAPO in Angola

Active	5,000
Reserve or in Training	2,000
	7,000

FNLA

Active	3,000-5,000
Reserve or in Training	UNK

SWAPO in Zambia

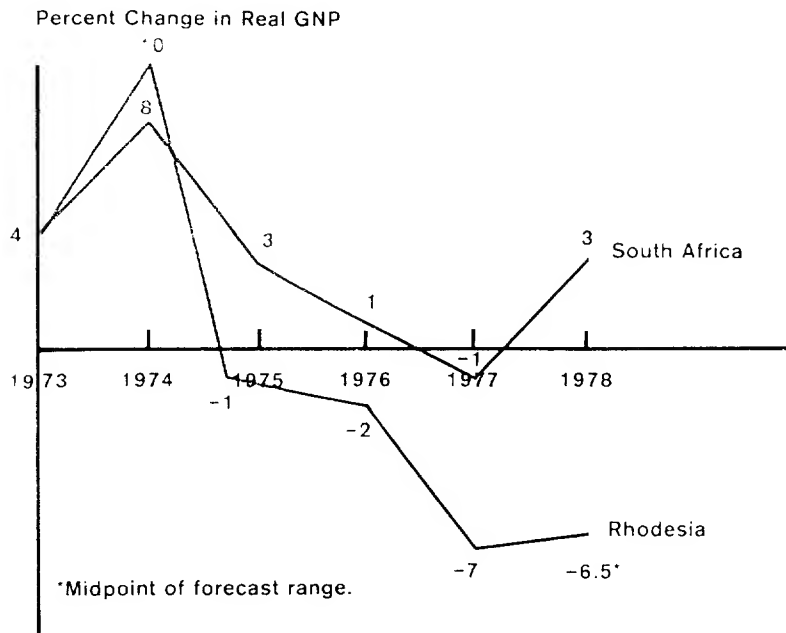
Active	1,500
Reserve or in Training	1,000
	2,500

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BACKUP GRAPHICS

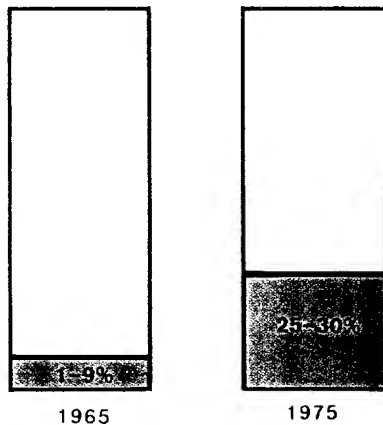
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Rhodesia: Economic Ties With South Africa



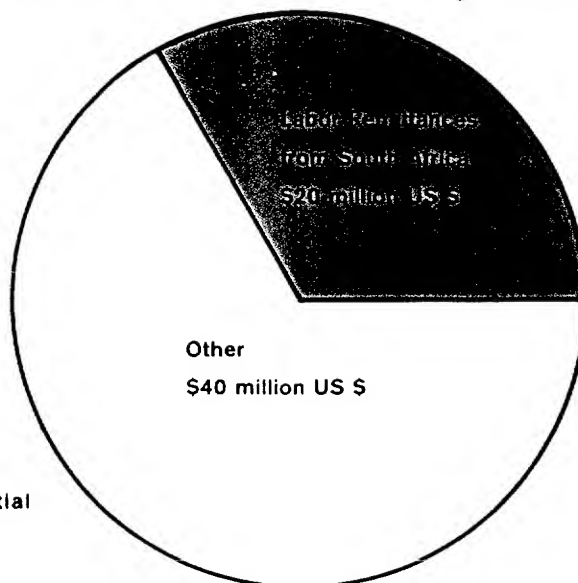
Because of important trade, financial, and manpower links, the Rhodesian economy moves in tandem with South African economic activity.

South African Share of Rhodesian Exports



With Salisbury's isolation from the West, South African purchases of Rhodesia's exports have increased sharply.

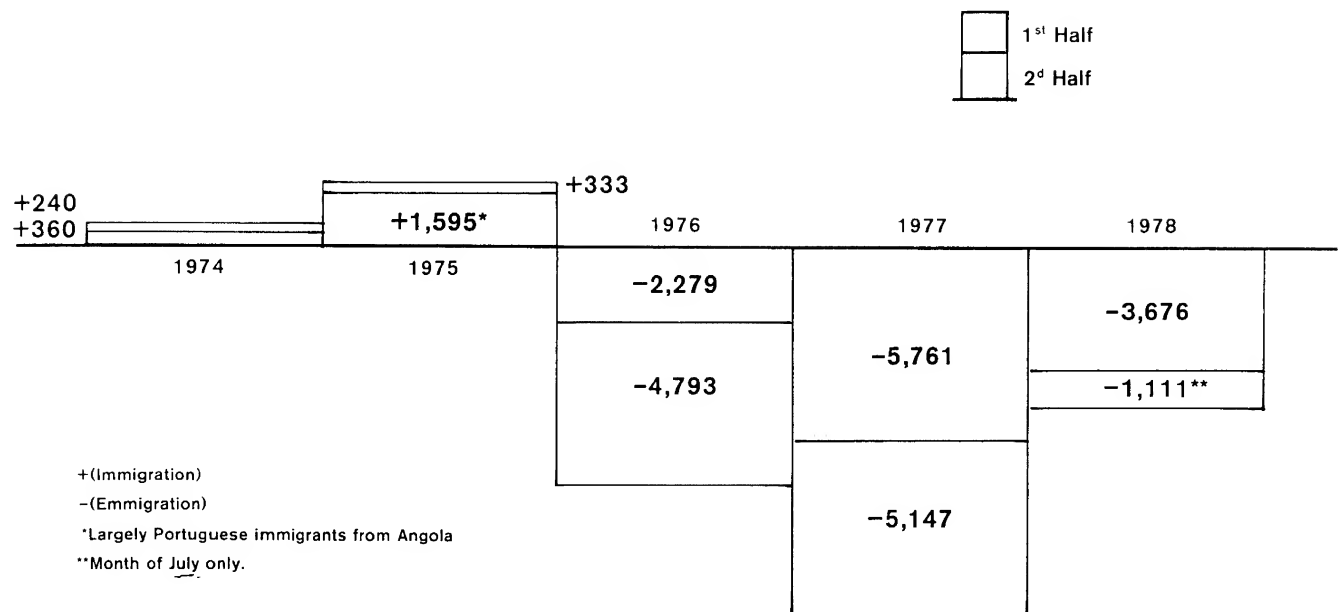
Rhodesia: Foreign Exchange Reserves



The wages and salaries earned by Rhodesians working in South Africa help support the balance of payments.

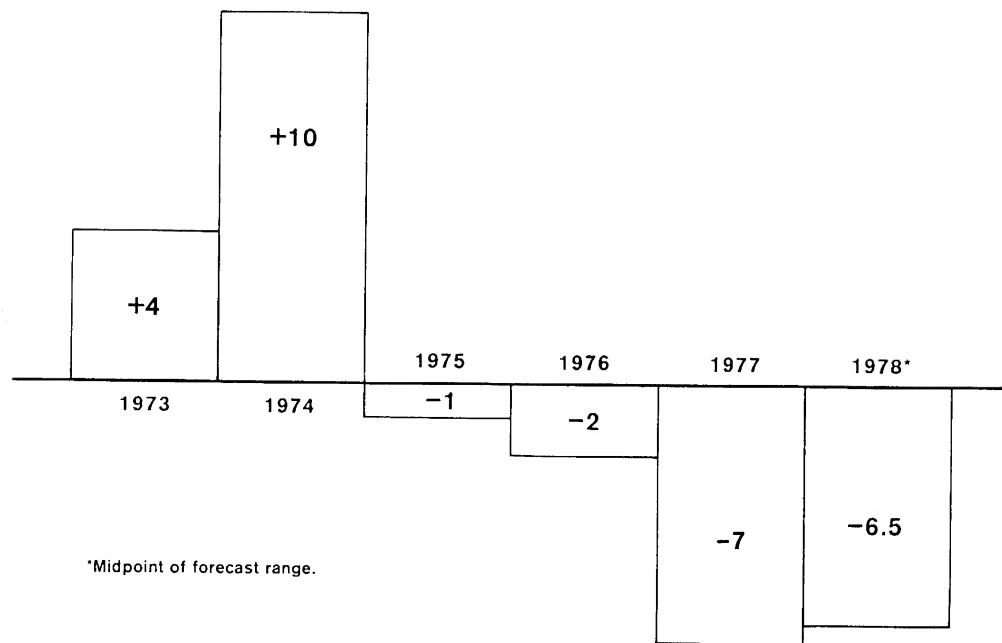
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Rhodesia: Net Migration



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Rhodesia: Real GNP Growth Rates



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